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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : Identification of the Medium Helicopter at Hsi-An
Airframe Plant Yen-Liang 172

REFERENCE : NSA/PO4/SPO/R-076-72
(NPIC Project 251284)

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1. In response to the referenced requirement, [] photography from [] through [] was reviewed to determine if the medium helicopter identified at Hsi-An Airframe Plant Yen-Liang 172 in [] and [] was the same type as the new medium helicopter identified at Ha-Erh-Pin Airframe Plant Ping-Fang 122 in []

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2. Although the helicopter at Plant 172 is similar to the new medium helicopter identified at Plant 122, it is not the same type. The helicopter observed at Plant 172 in [] and in [] was identified as a medium helicopter, based on size only. Small scale of the [] coverage and weather conditions of the [] coverage precluded detailed analysis of the helicopter. However, comparison of photography of Plant 172 and Plant 122 from [] suggests that the helicopter seen at Plant 172 on [] was on the same hardstand and in the same position as a HOUND which was observed there on []

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3. The new medium helicopter identified at Plant 122 in [] was probably a modification of the HOUND, including a turbine engine on top of the fuselage and a new nose/cockpit configuration. A review of all available [] photography covering both plants between [] and [] failed to show a helicopter of the type observed at Plant 122 in []

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4. An analysis of construction underway at both Ha-Erh-Pin Airframe Plant Ping-Fang 122 and Ha-Erh-Pin Aircraft Engine Plant Ping-Fang 120 in [] was made in an attempt to determine if it was related to the new medium helicopter production. Construction was determined to be support oriented rather than production oriented.

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5. This project is considered complete. Any further inquiries should
be directed to [] NPIC/IEG/SD/SIB, IDS Code 143, extension
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